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Field Crops Report

As of March 17, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 55 percent not being harvested, 10 percent light, 17 percent moderate, and 18 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 14 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 47 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. **Alfalfa** sheeping off was reported as light.

As of March 17, 10 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 8 percent of **Winter Wheat**, 10 percent of **Barley**, and 10 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as headed.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions continue to decline due to lack of rainfall. Conditions were reported as 21 percent very poor, 65 percent poor, and 14 percent fair. **Livestock** were reported to be in good condition. **Stock Water** was reported as adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as light.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, green onions, head lettuce, mixed greens, romaine and spinach last week.

Western Arizona producers shipped anise, bok choy, broccoflower, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, endive, escarole, kale, mixed greens, napa, parsley, rapini, radicchio, salad savoy and spinach last week. Western lettuce shipments included boston, iceberg, leaf, and romaine.

Last week citrus producers in central Arizona harvested tangerines, lemons, grapefruit, mandarins and navels, while western producers harvested tangerines, lemons and grapefruit.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for most of the State were near average for the week ending March 16. Temperatures ranged from 5 degrees below normal at Payson, to 4 degrees above normal at Safford. The highest temperature of the week was 89 degrees at Coolidge, while the lowest reading was 7 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 2 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.03 inches at Flagstaff to 0.06 inches at Grand Canyon.

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Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK MARCH 10 TO MARCH 16, 2002**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	43	-1	73	19	0.00	0.06	1.76
Casa Grande	59	0	88	32	0.00	0.34	1.90
Coolidge	57	2	89	32	0.00	0.23	2.12
Douglas	53	3	82	31	0.00	1.33	1.50
Flagstaff	35	0	64	7	0.03	0.14	5.53
Gila Bend	63	-1	87	35	0.00	0.08	1.53
Grand Canyon	34	2	65	9	0.06	0.59	3.63
Kingman	50	-1	76	27	0.00	0.13	2.43
Parker	63	1	88	44	0.00	0.00	1.36
Payson	46	-5	73	19	0.00	0.39	5.20
Phoenix	62	3	88	45	0.00	0.13	1.83
Prescott Airport	44	0	72	20	0.00	0.00	2.27
Safford Ag Center	52	4	83	25	0.00	0.16	1.65
Tucson	58	1	85	36	0.00	0.67	1.99
Willcox	50	2	80	24	0.00	0.82	1.98
Winslow	45	-1	76	19	0.00	0.04	1.29
Yuma	65	-1	87	43	0.00	0.00	0.73

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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